

1918 CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM IS THE BEST EVER

FINE ARRAY OF TALENT COMES HERE AT NOMINAL COST—OF GREAT BENEFIT TO ALL.

The big Redpath Chautauqua tent will be located on the same grounds as it has been the previous years. By next Monday noon the big tent will be flying in the air. By Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 the tent, the seats and the big stage will be ready for the big program. The Redpath Chautauqua has one of the biggest programs this year as was ever known in the history of the Redpath people. The audience this year has been larger than ever before. The lecture on the platform and the musical numbers are big patriotic treats for the people. At Jacksonville, Fla., the opening day of the Redpath Chautauqua this last spring was the biggest opening day the Redpath ever has had.

The program for the 1918 Chautauqua as given below is the best one ever given to this city by the Redpath people, who are always on the alert and anxious to cater and insist that nothing but the best and very highest class of entertainment should enter into any of their programs. Not a weak number appears and those who attend the coming event will get their money's worth in direct benefits from an educational and entertainment view point many times over.

First afternoon:
Introductory exercises.
Concert—The Croatin orchestra.
Children's hour in charge of children's worker.

Admission 36c and 4c war tax; children 14c and 1c war tax.

First night:
Concert—The Croatin orchestra.
Lecture, "The Sunny Side of Life"—Lou J. Beauchamp.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Second morning:
Children's hour.
Second afternoon:
Concert—Miss Vera Poppe and assisting artist.

Admission 36c and 4c war tax; children 14c and 1c war tax.

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Concert—Miss Vera Poppe and assisting artist.
Lecture, "Business and the War"—Frank Mulholland.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Third morning:
Children's hour.
Third afternoon:
Concert—Violin and piano.

Lecture, "Rebuilding the World"—Chancellor Geo. H. Bradford.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Third night:
Grand concert—Miss Margery Maxwell, soprano of Chicago Grand Opera Company with assisting artists.

Admission 77c and 8c war tax; children 39c and 1c war tax.

Fourth morning:
Children's hour.
Fourth afternoon:
Baritone recital.

Lecture, "Keeping House for Uncle Sam"—Mrs. Christine Frederick.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Fourth night:
Baritone recital.
Lecture, "The Checkerboard of Europe"—Sir John Foster Fraser, F. R. G. S., of London, Eng.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Fifth morning:
Children's hour.
Fifth afternoon:
Concert—Chocolate Soldier orchestra.

Lecture, by James P. Pershing, a brother of Gen. John J. Pershing.

Exhibition of Raemaekers war cartoons.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Sixth night:
"The Chocolate Soldier"—Light opera. (Complete production by a company of 30, including orchestra.)

Admission \$1.00 and 10c war tax; children 49c and 1c war tax.

Sixth morning:
Children's hour.
Sixth afternoon:
Concert—Chicago Orchestral band.

Exhibition of war posters of the allied nations.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Sixth night:
Lecture, "A Soldier of the Sky"—Capt. Geo. F. Campbell, Royal Flying Corps.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Seventh afternoon:
Concert—Dunbar's orchestra.
Lecture, "The World War and America"—Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus.

Admission 50c and 5c war tax; children 29c and 1c war tax.

Dunbar's Revue, featuring the Grand Parade of the Allies.

Admission 77c and 8c war tax; children 39c and 1c war tax.

The Children's Hour in the morning has always been a popular feature and your child is missing something, parents, if you keep him away from these pleasant gatherings which are always in charge of a highly educated child worker.

Open Air Union Meetings.
August 11—Rev. P. R. Norton, speaker; Rev. W. A. Biss, chairman.
August 18—Church of Christ.
August 25—Congregational church.
Orlo Morse is treasurer of the Union association.

To Hold Annual Picnic.
The annual Otisco neighborhood picnic will be held at Baldwin lake, Thursday, August 15, 1918, with picnic dinner.
M. L. Uplike, Pres.

PLAYGROUND OPENS AND IS VERY POPULAR

The Belding playground was opened Tuesday afternoon, July 30, on the high school ground. The hours for the rest of the summer will be from 1 to 5:30 every afternoon except Sunday.

The first day about 30 children availed themselves of the opportunities afforded and although the equipment had not yet arrived, they remained on the playground and had a good time anyway. The balls have now arrived and it is expected that in spite of Old Sol's surprise attack a goodly number of boys will come out for the indoor baseball teams which are to be organized.

For the little folks there is a sand pile and a story hour is conducted each afternoon at 2:30.

Two sets of stakes for quoits have been driven and the boys have been practicing the ancient art of pitching horse shoes. All boys wishing to enter the tournament for city championship in quoits are requested to hand in their names to the director in charge of the playground on or before Monday, Aug. 12. The drawing will be published in next week's Banner-News.

Ida Honson Dead.
Ida Honson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Honson, Miriam farmers, died this morning at 11 o'clock, following an illness of long duration. Particulars next week.

ENLISTMENTS NEEDED FOR NURSE'S RESERVE

25,000 AMERICAN GIRLS AND WOMEN ARE IN URGENT NEED FOR HOSPITAL WORK.

The nation is in need of a great number of nurses to take the place of those trained nurses in this country who have gone overseas for duty over there and the following communication has been handed in to us for publication:

Therefore, with the need as urgent as it seems, it will be the proper thing for a good number of our girls and women who can do so, to volunteer for this work. Any woman between the ages of 19 and 35 who desire to make application to enter this service may take the training for the United States Student Nurse Reserve, should apply to Mrs. Jessie Wilder, recruiting officer, or to Miss Edna Biss, her assistant.

The registration will be open until August 15, at which time it is hoped that enough women will have come forward in the country to fill the quota of 25,000 nurses which are needed.

To the Young Women of America:
Across the sea from France, with every closing day of the heroic struggle of our fighting men there comes a more imperative call to the women of America to assume their full share of responsibility in winning this world war for the right of men, women and nations to live their own lives and determine their own fortunes.

These exist now an extreme need for at least 25,000 women of character, intelligence, and education to fill the gaps in our hospital staffs caused by the calling of many thousands of skilled nurses to the fighting front.

There is only one way to fill these gaps: By keeping our hospital training schools supplied with students, who are not only preparing for service abroad and at home at the end of their course and at the same time are equipping themselves to earn their living in one of the noblest of professions, but from the very outset of their course are serving their country as well as learning.

The surgeon general of the United States army, the surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health service, the American Red Cross, the General Medical board and the Woman's committee of the Council of National Defense therefore unite in an earnest appeal for 25,000 young women between 19 and 35 to enroll in what shall be called the United States Student Nurse Reserve. The enrollment will begin on July 29, 1918. Those who register in this volunteer body will engage to hold themselves in readiness until April 1, 1919, to be assigned to training schools in civilian hospitals or to the army nursing school and begin their course of study and active student nursing.

The service which we are asking calls for the best that the women of America can offer in courage, devotion and resourcefulness. We cannot go forward to victory overseas if the wives and families of our fighters are not sustained in health and strength, if we cannot protect our workers against the hazards of war industries, if we cannot defeat accident and disease, our enemies at home. Upon the health of the American people will depend the spirit of their forces in the field.

Acting on the urgency of the need the undersigned have asked the state divisions of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense, through their local units, to enroll the 25,000 women needed. We ask the women of America to support us in our further effort not to lower American hospital standards, and to give us the practical assurance of their support by going to the nearest recruiting station established by the woman's committee on or after July 29 and enrolling in the United States Student Nurse Reserve.

Anna Howard Shaw, Chairman Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense.

W. C. Gorgas, Surgeon General, United States Army.

Patriotic Orders to Picnic.
Saturday, August 10, the Post, W. R. C., Sons and Daughters of Veterans will hold a picnic at the city park. Dinner will be served at 1 o'clock. Everybody turn out.

Dunbar's Revue—Last Night of Chautauqua Week



FROM THE PARADE OF THE ALLIES.

—Photo by Wallinger, Chicago.

Dunbar's Revue, the big joy-night jubilee program, was conceived and produced for the Redpath Chautauqua exclusively by Ralph Dunbar of Milwaukee and Hussar fame. This company presents a program of novelties including such features as "Melody

Land" and a travesty on the light opera, "The Mikado." The Revue closes with a great patriotic climax introducing the "Grand Parade of the Allies" and the spirit of Joan of Arc. The company will be composed of singers, players and monologists with various scenic effects for the different

parts and numerous costume changes. The first Revue of the kind ever presented on any Chautauqua program, it is a step in advance—a big novelty but at the same time an event of great merit as well as entertainment. A number of local people will take part.

BIG FREE FAIR WEEK OF AUG. 14-17 BEST YET

IONIA MERCHANTS CONTRACT GREAT VARIETY OF SHOWS, AERIAL FLIGHTS, ETC.

Ionian's fourth annual free fair occurs week after next, Aug. 14, 15, 16, and 17, and the management have the plans laid for the biggest and best of any yet held.

Ionian Free fair is the only free fair this year in Michigan and one of three in the whole United States. Ionia conceived the idea, and has proved its success, and this year will extend its scope in many directions, assuring the greatest week Ionia has ever enjoyed.

The merchants of Ionia put on the free fair appreciating the patronage of the people during the year. The merchants pay the expense, the people are admitted to the fair without any charge. The keys to Ionia city will be thrown in the river, the gates to the fair grounds left wide open.

The automobile will be given away, merchants are now passing out free tickets with all purchases to the free fair.

The Ionia Driving club promises the real racing. Many horses are on the track now and the race program will cover three afternoons. Usual purses are hung up and the Ionia Driving club is the best organization of its kind Ionia has had since the early days.

The automobile show will be larger than last year. The big tent will be filled with all the 1918 styles.

Then there will be the armored car used by the Michigan state constabulary of Lansing as a riot emergency machine. This car will be brought to Ionia.

While no premiums for displays are offered the stockmen farmers and merchants are showing a loyal disposition in appreciation of what Ionia does in the free fair line. Already is assured a large display of both cattle, sheep and poultry and floral hall will be utilized fully by the Ionia merchants. The poultry men had no show last winter and will make a special effort to display their stock. Pet stock will be included.

War work will be given special attention by the Ionia Free Fair management. In addition to the display of the armored car now overrunning the battlefields of Europe, there will be special displays of Red Cross supplies our soldiers are being supplied with. The Ionia chapter of the Red Cross officers will be there and the costumes of the Red Cross nurses will be in evidence.

Still another feature will be the registration of all women who are engaged in or desire to take up the work of nursing. A booth specially arranged for this registration will be provided.

The Michigan food administration will send to the Ionia fair a display. The child welfare movement in charge of Dr. Geneva Green for Ionia county will be given special attention. All children under a certain age will be weighed.

A display of balloon baskets pilot seats and pigeon baskets used on the aviation fields of the United States and Europe and made in Ionia of reed will be shown. This will be the first war display in Ionia of any kind of supplies made exclusively for war needs.

While the war department will not permit airplane flights this year, all skilled male talent of that kind being needed on the aviation fields, Ionia will be without aerial exhibitions. Miss Brown and Miss Clark who will make balloon ascensions from the Ionia free fair grounds each afternoon, using two balloons are under contract to do a balloon race that will be more of a thriller than even the airplane flights of last year.

Between the race heats each day (Continued on page four)

CANDIDATE AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. A. G. Beard will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday, August 18, one week from next Sunday at the usual hour for service. He comes as a supply and possible candidate for this pastorate with excellent recommendations as a good preacher and worker in all lines of church activities. The board of trustees hope to see a large attendance. Mr. Beard and wife are spending the summer at Crystal Lake.

Dedicated Service Flag.

A large and packed congregation was present at the dedication of the service flag at St. Joseph's Catholic church last Sunday morning. The order of services was precisely the same as published in last week's issue of this paper and the only additional comment needed at this time was the splendid sermon on the relation of the church to the state by Rev. Fr. Gabriels of Ionia. The sermon was a masterpiece of enlightenment and received much favorable comment. The congregational singing was also excellent, the songs being confined to the nation's most popular and patriotic numbers.

FORMER LOCAL MAN GETS A VALUABLE PATENT

INVENTS IMPROVED AND SIMPLE OIL BURNER FOR STOVES, ETC. DETROIT CAPITAL BACKS IT.

Albert Vanassche, of Dearborn, near Detroit, a former resident of this city, has just received a patent on this. While living here he was attached to any stove and thereby transformed it from a wood or coal burning stove to one which will take the very cheapest kinds of oil and give out a safe and satisfactory heat at the most economical cost of operation.

The object of the new invention is to provide a burner, using oil for fuel which is especially adapted to be used in cooking and heating stoves, ranges, furnaces, hot water heaters and other like heat producing articles. Another one of the inventor's objects in constructing the burner, was to have the thing of good substantial construction and at the same time be comparatively cheap so that it would be able to be availed of by the people in the most moderate circumstances. Along with these ideas is the fact that the burner can be readily installed by anyone and it takes but a few minutes to complete the change from the old method of fuel burning to the new and improved oil burning stove, range or furnace.

The description of the burner, as we read it, provides for the introduction of a certain amount of steam into the fire, where it becomes a part of the fuel and is consumed. The inventor declared, in his statement that the introduction of this steam was an aid to combustion and that it saved a great amount of the fuel which would otherwise be consumed.

Vanassche was formerly a resident of this city and removed from here to Detroit. While living here he was married to Miss Anna Ritterdorf, of Miriam and they owned and lived in the house at the corner of State and Alderman streets now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson. While living in this city, Mr. Vanassche was an employee of the Belding-Hall Co., working in their factory B and was a steady, industrious employee and a good workman.

He has interested a Detroit capitalist in his invention and they are now manufacturing them and will shortly place them on the market. The burners will be shown at the different fairs throughout the state this season and will undoubtedly prove a good thing both for the inventor and the manufacturers and also for the people who buy them to use. Belding friends of Vanassche will be glad to hear of his good fortune.

LOCAL BOY STOPS ONE OF KAISER'S BULLETS

CHAS. KING RECEIVES WOUND IN ARM—LETTER INDICATES WOUND TO BE SLIGHT.

Charles King, son of Mrs. Hattie Warner, evidently stopped one of the German's bullets during some of the recent battles as judging from the following letter, which we compose from three letters which he has sent his mother. It is in the second, one written on July 5, that he speaks of his wound.

A. E. F., June 21, 1918.
Dear Mother and All:

Will drop you a few lines to let you know I am enjoying the best of health and hope you all are the same. We are camped in a very nice place now, but it is raining out and is very nasty under foot but when we wake up in the morning it will be dry and the sun shining.

How are the little girls getting on now and did they pass in their schooling.

Ma, I wish you would have Frank send me some Camel cigarettes for I have not smoked any camels for two or three months and I am just dying for a Camel although we get all the Bull Durham and Duke's Mixture to smoke that we want and that is sure one good thing.

Have you heard from Grace since she left? I am going to write to Lydia and Sadie tomorrow. Well, mother, I must close for this time hoping you are well and I will hear from you soon. ~ With love,

Prvt. Chas. King, Co. D, 128th Inf., A. E. F. 7-5-18.

Dear Mother:

Will drop you a few lines to let you know I am well and feeling fine and not bad, only in my arm.

I had a pretty fine time yesterday but could have had better.

I suppose you folks had a fine time the 4th.

How are all the folks getting along now? are they all well? Did the children pass in their grades?

Mother, do they ever cut anything out of my letters that you have received from me.

I cannot think of much to write for everything that I want to write is against the rules of the U. S. army.

Dear Mother and All:

As I have nothing to do at present will drop you a few lines to let you know I am getting along fine, but still in the hospital but expect to be back to duty soon again and I will be very glad for I do not like to stay in a place like this.

How are you all getting along now, and are the girls well?

I have met a number of boys from around home that I know and it sure did seem good to see any one you know and could talk to.

It is very warm over here now and sure good weather.

Mother, you don't Frank ever write to me. I would write to him but writing home like I do seems like writing to all of you.

Well, dear, I must close for this time, hoping to hear from you soon. From your loving son to all.

Prvt. Chas. King.

Mrs. John Antcliff, on Monday, received the two following letters from her son, Lee Holcomb: July 2, 1918.

I just got mail for the first time for three weeks but I got three letters from you, one from Julia, one from Matie and a postal from Florence. I sure was glad to get some mail. The numbers of the letters were 17, 18, 19, the 19th one was dated June 7, so it made pretty good time. I have not written to Olive for a long time but I am going to write her one today. (Continued on page four)

GET TICKETS NOW FOR MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

We have a number of tickets at this office for the great Michigan State fair which is to be held at Detroit, Michigan, starting Friday, August 30 and continuing until Sunday, September 8, which have been sent us for sale here and which are to be sold for 35 cents each or three for \$1. The tickets will be on sale at this office until Thursday afternoon, August 29, and after that date it will be possible to get them at the Detroit office at the fair grounds. We have also, in addition to the above tickets a number of free tickets which we will give away and which will be good for the admission of children under 12 years of age on Saturday, August 31 only. These tickets are free and the paid admission tickets are 35 cents each or three for \$1 and by action of the United States government, no war tax need be paid in addition to this price.

The 1918 Michigan State fair promises to eclipse anything ever had in the fair line and quite a number of local people are planning on taking in this ever popular Detroit event.

The Better Babies part of the fair is getting to be a rather popular feature and it is planned to make this year's better babies contest the largest and best the fair ever has had. If there is anyone in this vicinity who has a baby that they would like to enter in the contest, they can get the necessary blank and other information by calling at this office.

BROTHER OF GEN. PERSHING IS TO LECTURE HERE

JAMES P. PERSHING COMES TO TAKE PART IN CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM—HAS MESSAGE

Chautauqua attendants will be more than pleased to learn that the Redpath Chautauqua management has secured the brother of General John J. Pershing, now at the head of the American armies in France, to speak hereon the fifth day of the Chautauqua. James P. Pershing, a merchant of Chicago, is the man and he comes to take the place on the program advertised to be filled by Oney Fred Sweet, a newspaper man from Chicago.

Mr. Pershing has been for years a successful merchant of Chicago, operating on a large scale and while his

business differed vastly from the vocation of his brother, Gen. John J. Pershing, the brother love was so strong and his desire to see his brother's armies carry Old Glory on to a quick and glorious victory for democracy that he has forgotten his business and for a year and one-half now has been on the lecture platform urging the people of this nation to a greater support of the United States forces.

He is a man who is very deeply interested in this war situation and is putting his best efforts forward to bring a clearer realization of their duties to the people of the nation. In this regard he has been connected with the various Liberty loan drives and Red Cross work for the past 18 months and his efforts have been highly appreciated by the government.

He is a more than ordinary forceful speaker and at Evansville, Ind., a short time ago, when he finished speaking to a big Chautauqua audience, the people arose and from all over the tent came requests that he speak still longer. He is a man who talks straight from the heart and the people of this city can consider themselves exceedingly fortunate that the Redpath management has sent James P. Pershing to this city as a number on the Chautauqua program.

Hudson-Jenne.
The marriage of Miss Dorothea Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hudson and Mr. Theron Whinnery Jenne, took place at the home of the bride's parents on South Bridge street, Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Rev. P. Ray Norton officiated, using the ring ceremony. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at which relatives and a number of friends joined in wishing success and happiness to the young people on their journey through life. They will reside at Shelby, where the groom has a position as principal in the schools there. Mrs. Jenne has a host of friends here who wish her success and happiness in life.

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